Welfare of Working Children in Need for Care & Protection", for which financial approval was obtained on 4th March 2002. Action to submit the scheme to the Hon'ble Supreme Court has already been initiated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Irregularities in Kendriya Bhandar

1268. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that items like ink cartridges, towels, stapler machines (numbering 25 items) worth about Rs. 10 lakhs whose closing balance as per stock was running in minus were shown sold and huge balances was shown in physical verification in hand, in Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) whether counter manager has been charge-sheeted for this amongst other grounds;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been investigated and any action taken against the individual and senior officers engaged in supervision; and

(d) whether Kendriya Bhandar sold items, like computers, photocopier papers of Modi Xerox, JK at higher rates than the market price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):(a) There are minus balances in respect of some of the items, reasons for which are as under:—

(i) Kendriya Bhandar sells items numbering a few thousands. Ledger postings of receipt and issue is done manually. Mistakes can occur in postings which get detected at the time of stock verification.

(ii) Recordings of sales/issues before recording of receipts etc.

Kendriya Bhandar Management is fully aware of this and are taking steps to rectify the shortcomings in the system by computerisation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is being investigated and the report of enquiry is awaited. Suitable action will be taken by Kendriya Bhandar management against Counter Manager depending upon the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

(d) Kendriya Bhandar while procuring goods from registered suppliers obtain an undertaking that they will not supply or quote lower rates to any other customer than the rates offered to Kendriya Bhandar. Action is taken against the supplier(s) if any such case comes to the notice of Kendriya Bhandar. In the case of Modi Xerox photocopier paper, it was detected that M/s Xerox Modi Corp. has sold photocopier paper to Ministry of Defence at a rate lower than the rate offered to Kendriya Bhandar and accordingly a sum of Rs. 60,19,822/- has been recovered from the dues payable to the firm being the difference in rates.

As regards JK brand photocopier paper, no such irregularity was detected.

There were complaints of selling of computers to certain departments at higher prices. This was investigated by CVO, Kendriya Bhandar and no merit was found in the complaint.

Corrupt Government Departments

1269. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of top 20 corrupt Government departments as per analysis of the Central Vigilance Commissioner; and

(b) the action taken against such officials involved in marring the honest image?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) has not conducted any analysis for grading the Government Departments in order of the level of corruption.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. However, action against the Government servant for commission of misconduct is taken by